



SITUATION REPORT

DATE: 2022-02-14

FILE NAME: Project HENDON

Report#: 043-2022

Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-14 at 1400 hours.

The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.

INVOCATION OF EMERGENCIES ACT

- Media reporting indicates that Prime Minister TRUDEAU may be planning to invoke the Emergencies Act. The available information indicates that he does not yet intend to deploy the military.

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

- OPP reporting indicates that some truck drivers may be willing to leave but may have been coerced to remain.
- OPP reporting indicated that the mood at the blockade was more subdued than on 2022-02-12 with a strong sense of being unified. The crowd was also described as more suspicious and asking a lot of questions.

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- Police reporting indicates that [REDACTED] (reported in *Project HENDON SITREP 042-2022 dated 2022-02-13*) was handing out \$100 dollar bills. The source of this money is unknown.

OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

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- Open source research and media reporting indicate that some organizers, including [REDACTED] of the Ottawa blockade are framing the agreement reportedly reached by Mayor Watson and [REDACTED] as disinformation by mainstream media or issued conflicting statements. In an online video, [REDACTED] states that the letters indicating that an agreement had been reached with Mayor WATSON were actually handed out by counter-protestors and tells the drivers not to move. [REDACTED] social media also accuses organizers of “running away” and advises drivers to remain where they are.
- Open source research has identified the following:
 - A video featuring [REDACTED] in which he states that 1000 secret service agents and MI6 agents are going around the blockade site with live cameras at the protest asking for donations and trying to get the protestors to say something wrong. He claims that they are livestreaming under the following usernames: “ZOT”, “Ottawalks”; “Midstorm”; “mainstreet”; “zojke”; and “scottyZ”. He claims that they infiltrated Windsor and got one of the protestors to say something wrong on a live camera and it triggered someone to say there was a bomb threat, which brought in the military. He then addresses the command centre and says that they have been infiltrated by 14-15 intelligence officers. He further states that if you ask someone for a badge number, if they are a police officer they are duty bound to tell you. He then claims that the person who called him about this is in intelligence and was “all over” this. He also stated that they have “guys on the inside” that are all on their side.

Analyst Comment: *Some of [REDACTED]’s claims are clearly nonsense or factually wrong. The source of his information about the live-streamers is unknown, and it is unknown whether the noted usernames exist on any social media platform. It is unknown whether or not anyone called him, or whether he is merely attempting to gain credibility or impress his audience. However, it is certain that there are some police officers who sympathize with the protestors.*

- Social media messaging on the Twitter page in the name of [REDACTED] stating that some of the organizers “cut a deal and are running away”. The message urges truck drivers to stay where they are.

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- An online video in which a police officer appears to have stopped a passenger vehicle that is participating in the blockade. The officer tells the occupants that he supports the protestors “100 percent”.
- Two online videos in which uniformed police officers speak out against the government or police leadership and offer support to the protestors. One such video was shared on a Twitter page with the user name “[REDACTED]”. We infer that the operator of this page is [REDACTED], who appears to be a key decision maker for the blockade.
- A video in which a group of protestors are “ordained” as peace officers in the CANADIAN COMMON CORPS OF PEACE OFFICERS with powers to arrest and detain anyone who they find breaching the public peace. They are instructed that they work together with police and view them as other peace officers and not the enemy.
- A “Financial Update” which identifies [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] as press contacts. We previously reported on “Dagny” as a new media relations contact for the blockade (*Project HENDON SITREP dated 2022-02-12*). The financial update indicates that all funds raised for the convoy have been frozen and none of it has reached the blockade participants. It claims that the drivers at the blockade have been raising funds from the people who attend the blockade.
- An online statement regarding how blockades elsewhere in Canada and around the world are strengthening the resolve of participants in the Ottawa blockade.

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) continues to monitor for potential upcoming protests.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- TPS continues to monitor for relevant open source information and reports that the focus appears to be more on Ottawa.

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE:

- The Ambassador Bridge has fully re-opened.
- Ten protestors on site as of 1030 hours.
- OPP reporting indicates that some community members may attend the Windsor Police Service in support of people who were arrested at the protest.

BLUE WATER BRIDGE:

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- OPP reporting indicates that approximately 20 farm tractors and pickup trucks remain on Highway 402. The bridge remains open.

PEACE BRIDGE:

- Police reporting indicates that the QEW and Peace Bridge are both fully open and traffic is normal, with no protestors or supporters on site.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE (CORNWALL):

- No new information.

LANSDOWNE BRIDGE:

- No events at this port of entry.

NORTHWEST REGION:

- OPP reporting has identified a potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge scheduled for 2022-02-26.

ONTARIO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The OPP continues to monitor for relevant information regarding local protests in OPP jurisdiction.

ONTARIO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- Open source research identified an online video in which [REDACTED] indicates that she is on her way to Windsor and calls on people to go to Windsor. She urges people to continue to block border points and maintain the blockade in Ottawa because "they" don't have the manpower to manage.

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- On 2022-02-14, Premier FORD announced that the province will lift all vaccine passport requirements by 2022-03-01. Masking regulations will remain in place.

OTHER

- Open source research identified a video featuring [REDACTED] from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. [REDACTED] claims that he started a Facebook Group called FREEDOM 2022. [REDACTED] states that the issue is about freedom, not vaccine requirements. He notes that they have a lot of boats and they have just as much power to block off Canada with boats at the ports as the trucks have at the borders.
- The Freedom Convoy and Adopt A Trucker fundraisers are no longer on GiveSendGo. This is likely due to those campaigns being frozen. The Bitcoin wallet for the blockade contains \$1.2M CAD.

ASSESSMENT

The situation in Ottawa remains fluid and potentially volatile.

Protestors are likely to frame a potential invocation of the Emergencies Act as a sign of government weakness, proof of government “tyranny”, an escalation to violence, and an acknowledgement that the blockades have been successful. Protestors at the ongoing blockade are likely to remain defiant, and solidarity protests are likely to continue elsewhere.

Protestors at the ongoing blockade in Ottawa are highly likely to frame the announcement by the FORD government regarding lifting vaccine passport requirements as a result of their actions. The announcement will likely further strengthen their resolve to remain in place until their demands are met.

Protest organizers and influencers will continue to encourage ongoing protests and irregular tactics to overwhelm the authorities and place maximum strain on police resources. Local actions could include post-enforcement protests at police stations in support of any individuals detained. Police should also anticipate attempts to prevent arrests or “de-arrest” individuals during enforcement actions at any ongoing or future protests. Members of the CANADIAN COMMON CORPS OF PEACE OFFICERS may attempt to do so, and may seek to interfere in routine police actions. **This represents a potential officer safety issue.**

Individuals in positions of authority, such as elected officials, police and members of the military, voicing or demonstrating support for the ongoing blockade are highly likely to energize the protestors and lend credibility to both their cause and their tactics. This support could also erode public trust in government, the democratic process, and the institutions responsible for ensuring public safety and national security.

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It is unknown how many, if any, of the drivers will actually relocate their vehicles in accordance with the agreement with Ottawa's mayor. The overall sentiment of organizers and drivers at the blockade appears to be one of unity, defiance, and determination. The available information suggests that there may be fractures developing amongst the drivers, but that these are being managed by persuasion or, possibly, coercion.

The situation in Ontario remains volatile. Protestors and their supporters are unlikely to be significantly deterred by any invocation of the Emergencies Act. The potential for conflict or an act of violence is likely increasing as the Ottawa blockade continues. Local solidarity protests are highly likely to continue. The possibility of an act of mischief against strategic targets should not be discounted.

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ANTICIPATED EVENT SCHEDULE – SUPPORT CONVOYS OR DEMONSTRATIONS

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This list is derived from information provided by the OPP and its partners. Many of these events have been identified through social media.
The overall situation is fluid: these events may change and spontaneous events may occur without warning.

PRIORITY EVENTS

OTTAWA

CURRENT SITUATION - OTTAWA

- See HENDON report

ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA

Date	Time	Name	Comments
14 Feb 2022	1800hrs	Counter Demonstration	• Organizer Ryan ST-JEAN • Anti-convoy demonstration in front of the East Block • 1800 hrs – 2100 hrs on 14 Feb 2022 • 20 participants expected • AV equipment & 6 megaphones

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15 Feb 2022 to 18 Feb 2022	0700hrs	Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray	• Convoy from Fort McMurray to Ottawa from 2022/02/15 to 2022/02/18. • Organizers appear to be Justin CARTWRIGHT, Lucas COLLINS, and Shannie TROY. Edmonton, Lloydminster, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Kenora, Thunder Bay, Sault Sainte Marie, Sudbury, and Ottawa.
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TORONTO			
CURRENT SITUATION			
• See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO			
Date	Time	Name	Comments
19 Feb 2022	1200 hrs	The Line Canada	Calling for "all individuals and organizations that oppose mandatory vaccinations are encouraged to attend"

WINDSOR AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION			
• See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – WINDSOR AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
Date	Time	Name	Comments

SARNIA (HWY 402/BUEWATER BRIDGE)			
CURRENT SITUATION			
• See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – SARNIA (HWY 402/BUEWATER BRIDGE)			
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NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION			
See HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – NIAGARA FALLS/FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
Date	Time	Name	Comments
Feb 19, 2022		Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022	“They have closed Sarnia and Windsor. The next step is the Peace Bridge/ Queenston-Lewiston slow roll/blockade.” Indication is that it is a peaceful protest and no violence will be tolerated.

CORNWALL			
CURRENT SITUATION - CORNWALL			
See HENDON			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS – CORNWALL			
Date	Time	Name	Comments
19 Feb 2022	U/K	Protest planned for Saturday	Cornwall advising of possible protest on 19 Feb 2022

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OTHER EVENTS – SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2022			
Time	Name	Location	Comments / Impact
U/K	Slow Roll	Sudbury	
U/K	Slow Roll	North Bay	
1030	Freedom Across Canada Together	Haldimand-Norfolk	“local awareness exercise for Canada”
1400	Freedom of Choice Rally	Hamilton City Hall	Estimate 50-200 persons attending
U/K	Chris SACCOCCIA aka Chris SKY	Coutts, Alberta	SKY attending Coutts AB with fuel & water
OTHER EVENTS – SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022			
Time	Name	Location	Comments / Impact
U/K	Nipigon Bridge POE	Nipigon, Ontario	Protest was scheduled for 13 Feb 2022 has been rescheduled for 26 Feb 2022
OTHER EVENTS – UNKNOWN DATE			
Time	Name	Location	Comments / Impact
U/K	Canada Unity – Operation BearHugCanada	Thunder Bay	“ThunderBay officially joined in the fun and has launched #BearHugCanada today... Strategic bridges, border crossings - 1000 tractors/farmers going to a border crossing with 5000 semis and personal vehicles.” Post states it “has the potential of being another Windsor or Coutes”.

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